

ANUBHAVS



How Many
Experiences Should
I Narrate to You?



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I would like to bow to the lotus feet of Param Pujya Sadguru Aniruddha Babu and Param Pujya Nandai and then begin narrating my experience. My day begins with chanting of Babu's name which itself makes me immensely happy. To top it all, if I get his darshan then it's an added advantage which is why I eagerly await the session of Babu's Marathi class held on Tuesdays and his discourse on Thursdays. Initiating the concept of Marathi classes for non-Marathi devotees, exemplifies Babu's unconditional love and caring for his devotees. Several superstitions and misunderstandings regarding rituals and ritualistic activities have been eradicated from the minds of many, solely because of Babu's guidance through his regular Thursday Discourses.

Most of us Parsis' as a rule are very ritualistic in their approach. They are usually not open to accepting the views of people from other religions let alone accepting someone as their Sadguru! Our family is no exception to this generalization. My brother, his fiancée and I, are ardent followers of P. P. Babu but my father still does not believe in him as a Sadguru and even today considers him as just an ordinary human being. However, to be very honest, it was only because of Babu that I truly understood the essence of my Zoroastrian religion.

I sit in front of Shrimadpurushartha Granthraj every day in the morning and in the evening and pray. Initially it was a discipline for me which has now transformed into a daily habit, a sort of a positive addiction. After some in-depth discussions with my father, he allowed



me to place the Grantharaj in the Prayer room at home. A special arrangement was made to accommodate it. Due to my father's apprehensions, we would always do our chanting after he went off to bed. However, we were always worried thinking what if he woke up in the middle of our chanting hence we were unable to concentrate. One such night, I started chanting Sadguru Tarakmantra but as usual half my attention was focused on the door dreading the thought of him awakening!

“Do not worry my child, whilst I am with you, who dare interrupt your chant. Carry on chanting without any fear.” The voice uttering these words, sounded most definitely like my dearest Sadguru. He had come forward to help me concentrate on my chanting. Now, we were started chanting his name without even an ounce of fear. Because of Bapu's reassurance and devotion, we have now become quite confident and now, even my father does not interrupt us. Such is my ever-loving and caring Sadguru in whose feet I prostrate a thousand times!

Here is another such experience! It is P.P. Bapu who habituated us to reading Shri Saisatcharitra. We read many stories of the marvels of this Udi; and continue to savour the benefits of this Udi given by our Sai Aniruddha even today. It is an extremely joyous and fulfilling experience to receive Udi from P.P. Bapu himself at Gurukshetram. This Udi which is distributed free of cost is in reality invaluable. The following is an experience related to this.

Since a few days a rash had developed around my neck. I tried various medications but nothing helped. Finally, out of sheer frustration, I applied Udi on that part of my skin. I prayed to P.P. Bapu and went off to sleep. In the morning, after I got up, while brushing my teeth, I



checked my neck and to my surprise, the rash had vanished and my skin had been restored to normalcy. However, the Tripurari Trivikram Locket from around my neck was missing. The locking mechanism of the chain had been quite strong. So it was either me, a chain snatcher or Bapu himself who could have taken the locket out. I ran back to my bed. I found my chain with the locket kept neatly on my bed at the same location as my heart would have been when I was lying down on my bed. I got a little worried and immediately contacted Mr. Vikrantsinh Desai, a colleague from the Gujarati Upasana Center. He pacified me by saying that, other than Bapu no one else would ever dare to touch that chain and locket and he also told me not to worry and said that whatever had taken place was probably good for me. Indeed, Bapu must have kept it neatly aside while he cured my skin and he left it on the bed as proof that he had been there. I bow in front of my doctor Bapu who has given us the panacea called Udi.

Now the third experience. The Udi distributed by our Sanstha is not merely ash but it is a potent medication which can come in handy during any difficult situation or for that matter any ailment. It can prove to be a medicine, a remedy to a difficult situation or at times, it can even have effect on lifeless machinery.

Meena Vahini's (Meenatai Dabholkar) unwavering devotion and the impact of Udi are exemplified through this story which Bapu narrated to us during Marathi class. One day, Meenavahini returned to Sainivas in an auto rickshaw. After sometime, when she realized that the auto driver was still there near the gate because his auto had malfunctioned, she went down and asked the driver to apply Udi to the Auto rickshaw. The auto driver hesitated for a while but since Meenavahini insisted, he reluctantly applied Udi to the Auto rickshaw and it in a little while, the rickshaw started working.



A similar incident occurred on April 11, 2008. Certain devotees from Gujarati Upasana Kendra witnessed this incident too. That day after the Upasana had ended and the winding up complete, Bapu's Photo, Padukas and other things were kept in Mr. Rajeshsinh Sariyya's car. When he attempted to start the car, it would not start at all. Several devotees pushed the car but it just would not start. We also realized that the car brakes were malfunctioning as well. Then, Meenavahini's story suddenly brought about a much needed enlightenment. Rajeshsinh applied Udi to himself, to his wife, Rakshveera and to the car and voila! The car just started! Everyone was pleasantly surprised to know that the car was functioning alright. Even the braking system of the car now functioned normally. Such is the power of the Udi. It affects lifeless machinery as well. All that is needed is faith and trust.

The Udi, distributed by the Sanstha is not just simply Udi but it is the divine blessing of P.P.Bapu. I bow in front of Sadguru Bapu's lotus feet.

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